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CORRECTION

The North West never amount to anything politically unless the ordinary sources of revenue are allowed it. Customs, excise, Dominion lands, flues and leases are the present sources of revenue to these Territories, which now go into the coffers at Ottawa. Customs and excise are handed over to the Dominion Government by the Provincial Governments at the time of Confederation, the Province getting a proportionate return in well defined subsidies. The annual subsidy, due to the North West on this account has not been arranged or even thought of. The Dominion probably thinks we get return enough by having our customs officers and business given to and managed for us. It is one of these excellent bargains which the east has made with this country, from which it every year reaps a larger profit. But what, if we are not given a subsidy in return, are we not allowed the surplus remaining over after all expenses are paid? The reason is simply that might is right, and the east is proficient in taking the old adage to its profit.

The same with Dominion Lands. After all the expenses of maintaining the land offices here and of retaining them at Winnipeg and Ottawa are deducted, there is still a large margin. Why is not this margin handed to us as a revenue? The cause might be right. Fines and payments for leases also exceed the expense of levying and collecting them, and what do we get in return for this money that every day goes out of the country on these accounts? We get four stipendiary magistrates with their clerks, a sheriff and a Federal police force, and that is about all. Even then it would be unfair to charge the main revenue of the police to our account. They preserve Federal as well as territorial interests, and more so. This revenue is not a revenue for political reasons, ocean to ocean, would necessitate in itself the support of just as large a force in order to protect its traffic. We are reduced in fact to the unfortunate conclusion that all we get in return for handing over our revenues before the Dominion are the stipendiary magistrates and their accessories, a sheriff and a miserable and inefficient police subsidy to the North West Council.

And yet we are told that the Dominion has done everything for us, and we ought to experience no other feeling under the circumstances than gratitude. What sort of gratitude we, who are mostly interested, experience will likely be seen at the mass meeting in Calgary on the 20th inst. What sort of gratitude is left throughout the whole of the North West may be seen in the meetings that are being held throughout the country for the ventilation of grievances and the passing of indignant resolutions. What sort of gratitude the landholders, who form so large a part of our population, feel has been seen from their inviting Riel to "come over and help us."

We have discussed the great gift of the railway before. To our mind that is only a simple business transaction, the outcome of which is that we are nothing to the railway which has made a very good bargain for itself, and nothing that will not be paid ten times over to the Dominion in the allocation of so many millions acres of our best lands. Suppose, at the time of making the C.P.R. deal, our lands had been in our own hands, would the Dominion Government have or have not been satisfied with our contribution to the expense if we had given this same grant of land ourselves? Unquestionably we would have satisfied the Government and the C.P.R. to the same extent. But because no choice was given us, but the land was taken from us without question or consultation, we are told that we ought to be grateful. Well, we are grateful; so grateful that when this time of power comes to these Territories, we will remember what the east has done to us and for us.

SPECULATIVE SETTLERS.

One of the chief sources of annoyance to bona fide settlers is the respect paid customarily in the country to the "claim" taken up by present aboriginals. Settler comes to Calgary and forthwith finds that all the available land within an immense limit is covered, section by section, with vacant houses and unoccupied buildings. The houses have been erected by settlers who have left the district but still maintain their right to the improvements placed by them on the land improved. Rightly or wrongly, the claim is allowed by general consent, and it is a very rare thing for a newcomer or neighbor to "jump" the claim thus held, although they may be perfectly aware that the claimant never intends to build, but is looking out for a purchaser to take it off his hands. If a similar consent, settlers consider that the man who has the improvements claims with it the right to make entry for the land on which the improvements stand. Taking advantage of the feeling, the subject, speculators pure and simple, in many cases, put a few improvements on unclaimed land to hold it, and by the way satisfied that the claim will be respected until a purchaser takes it off their hands and settles there.

Of course the Government would not

allow a claim of this kind whatever. A resident's rights are respected at Ottawa, and no one else's who has not made his entry at the Land Office. Custom, however, is frequently as respectable as law, and generally as valid. The consequences in this case are lamentable. Vacant land held by unimproved log shacks surrounds the town in all directions. Settlers "use to jump" such claims, and the few cases in which they are right and the original holder re-appears as a bona fide resident, are greatly outweighed by the numerous cases in which they prove to be respecting the bogus claims of speculators.

Such a custom needs only a good strong hand to sweep it away. The settler comes into a new country, and over-estimating the horrors of "jumping" claims, magnifying the ferocity of the "old timers," bewildered by his new surroundings, and ignorant of the justice or otherwise of the claim before him, is not the man to do it. In nine cases out of ten he is bulldozed either by his own fears or his neighbors' warnings into buying off the bogus "equity," or into moving to less desirable localities.

It is a case which the Government alone can meet, because the Government alone can with impunity set in the matter. That the Government did not create the difficulty does not excuse it, and it is hardly matters. The difficulty exists, and the Government is the authority that can remove it. We make no demand in the matter, because we are aware that the settlers are responsible for the matter. But do not hesitate in advising that if an inspector was instructed to examine the matter in this vicinity, and caused authoritatively and publicly the claims thus held, the authorities at Ottawa would win a popularity for themselves in this section that could hardly fail to be of the greatest satisfaction to them.

A general cancellation of such claims would be of little use. What is necessary is individual inspection, and a separate declaration of cancellation for each individual claim so held. It is not difficult to ascertain in the neighborhood, the names of the absentee claimants. The surveys of sections, for the most part, we believe, have already recorded the majority of names. B. L. the action named in this direction, would be so regarded, and the district from which a blight, that we believe, the most casual investigation of the subject on the part of the Dominion would convince them of the wisdom of such a course.

The Two Officials.

The nomination of candidates for mayor and council will take place next Wednesday, the 26th inst., the Returning Officer being Mr. Elliot.

Mr. George Murdoch, whose name has been before the electors for some months, is a man of courtesy and energy, and will need no belated notice by acclamation.

For the Town Council, we have so many good men to pick from that selection is difficult. However, we think that the names of Messrs. Jarrett, Grant, Hogg, Fries, Van Wart, Ramsay and J. A. Martin, any four would make a respectable council, and especially the first-named gentleman, to whom we give our hearty support should they accept the nomination.

Reply to Mr. Beeg.

To the Editor of the Herald.
Sir—In your issue of the 12th inst., I observed a letter written by Mr. Alexander Hogg in defense of his action in exacting from a money contractor a penalty then to locate on lands included in a grazing lease controlled by him. In this letter Mr. Beeg, incidentally, has done us the honor to mention an order standing had with this office. Mr. Beeg was informed in the early part of the season when the C.P.R. was in possession of a lease holder to the effect that the lease holder was willing to allow such a holder to locate upon lands covered by lease, a house and entry might be granted, but not otherwise. No mention was made by Mr. Beeg of making a charge for each certificate, and I am satisfied that the Department of the Interior will not countenance any such action on the part of a lease holder.

J. M. D. GONNOR.

Agent Dominion Lands.

CALGARY, Nov. 15, 1884.

Fine Fire.

To the Editor of the Herald.
There has been a brilliant effort on the part of somebody to show us the value of fire in the improvement of the land. A large number of houses have been erected in the district but still maintain their right to the improvements placed by them on the land improved. Rightly or wrongly, the claim is allowed by general consent, and it is a very rare thing for a newcomer or neighbor to "jump" the claim thus held, although they may be perfectly aware that the claimant never intends to build, but is looking out for a purchaser to take it off his hands. If a similar consent, settlers consider that the man who has the improvements claims with it the right to make entry for the land on which the improvements stand. Taking advantage of the feeling, the subject, speculators pure and simple, in many cases, put a few improvements on unclaimed land to hold it, and by the way satisfied that the claim will be respected until a purchaser takes it off their hands and settles there.

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FIRST CROSSING OF THE COLUMBIA.

From our Special Correspondent.
The track is now laid within half a mile of the First Crossing of the Columbia. Golden City is booming along at a great rate. Whiskey is \$1 per bottle and 20 cents per drink.

Mr. Lokes, the paramour of the company, leaves headquarters on Friday next on his monthly paying tour.

Mr. Spangue has quite a large legal practice at Golden City. He is chief counsel for all classes of offenders, and his services are in great request.

A new jail and winter quarters for the police are to be built at the First Crossing, and very shortly Capt. Stroh will move up to take possession, leaving a detachment in charge at Golden City.

Dr. Swann is located at Golden City, and, as is the case wherever he goes, is a great favorite with all the boys. He has quite an extensive practice, but his patients appear to recover too rapidly for the doctor's benefit.

It is reported that Cory's tunnel will have to be abandoned and the track taken round by the river. Some 250,000 feet of timber have been already used in this tunnel, and at present caissons are unable to pass under it.

The track west from the summit, is in first class condition, considering the short time it has been laid. It is said it will be used during the winter months, and that only an occasional train will be run from Calgary to Jasper. The mails will be conveyed by dog teams.

Several dog teams are in the way up after the first trip. It is said he has been asked to stand as M.P. for some place with an unimpeachable temper in the House. Much against his wishes he has accepted a nomination for a seat in the House of Representatives. He will shortly be able to paralyze the British Columbia Senate with his brilliant and continuous oratory.

MEDICINE HAT.

Special Correspondence to the Herald.
Mr. Bettorill left for the mountains on Thursday.

The Roman Catholics will give a grand concert in the City Hall in about a week. The Methodist Sunday school will hold a Christmas tree entertainment on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Yates is building an addition to his storage room to serve for a public hall. The building will be 20 x 32 when completed.

"Little Jimmie" (James Dundas), of the Exchange Saloon, was up before Capt. McDonald again this week, and was fined \$20 and \$8 costs.

The Medicine Hat public school is progressing admirably. The Misses Shafers have exhibited much tact in organizing and operating the school thus far, and have already won the approval of the children's parents and the trustees of the school.

Our town has been unusually sober of late. This is attributed to the fact that there has been a material falling off in the permit business recently, only one having been received during the past few weeks. In many cases the application and the dollar have been returned to the applicant, but no permit. If this continues we will have a sober and happy holiday season. The contractors, however, continue to excite interest. Work before last the vigilante of the police caught sight of a brand new, heavy mounted Santitas, which seemed too respectable for an ordinary trader and a little too heavy for huggers. They tried of the license and four ten gallons of rum. Nobody seems to own the Santitas.

NOTES.

The weather still continues to be very favorable, and rapid progress has been made in the construction of the Galt road to the Coal Banks.

Rehearsals for the forthcoming concert are progressing favorably. The affair promises to be slightly out of the ordinary run of entertainments.

Good luck is now being hailed at the Hat from Mr. Louis Sand's bill to the Cypress Hills. Mr. W. T. Findlay has once again appointed agent for the territory.

Quite a number of section maps passed through here yesterday, bound for the old country. Many of them have been in the custody of the C.P.R. for a couple of years.

Some very fine cattle arrived here yesterday from McLeod, belonging to Mr. Brown. They are intended for beef, and will average all around about eighteen hundred weight.

Mr. W. T. Findlay has just received from some friends in Ireland the sum of five pounds sterling, as a donation towards the building fund of the Presbyterian church in Medicine Hat.

Major McDonald left for Maple Creek yesterday. He returns in a few days and will take up his quarters at the Coal Banks, assuming command of the N.W.M.P. detachment in Medicine Hat.

The proprietor of the Hotel Hamilton is a very fine fellow, and is to be congratulated on his fine building. He is a man of fine character, and is to be congratulated on his fine building. He is a man of fine character, and is to be congratulated on his fine building.

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